

next autumn - & hope he will!
for it will take long from
what was sent last year to
recover the expenditure. Seeds
are slow, & particularly good
things like Gentians. We
are getting the fine new
Adonis papposa into good
order at last. Many are coming
into bloom though not yet
rooted. Our large specimen
plant of Aquilegia leptocera
is looking very well & will
I expect, soon make a fine
show. Excuse this fragmentary
letter & believe me to remain
as ever thy friend sincerely
J. A. Backhouse
Romanzoffia also in fine flower.

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Dear Dr. Gray

I am greatly obliged for
the two parcels of Pringuiculas
(Lutea & velutina) which both arrived
safely, & are very interesting.

Our Lewisias look very well
& the Prunella suffruticosas
promising. A large portion
survived, & some are now
beginning to root. We have
Phacelia sericea in flower. I
like it!

Is Polygonatum giganteum
easily procurable? If so, 200
or 300 plants would come in
well. We got a few roots some
years ago, but they do not grow
very freely. I think it
cannot bear moist places.

as a fine plant if it placed
on a decidedly moist, (though
scarcely wet) bank, has rotted
off in a way which *C. vertical-*
latum & *C. multiflorum* would
not have done I think.

Pray do not lose any chance
of getting Lithospermum
hirtum. *L. canescens* is so
good that *hirtum* (described
as much larger in flower)
must be fine indeed.

And please have an "eye", if
opportunity offers, on Clitoria
Mariana & Drosera filiformis.

The Yosemite ferns are doing
beautifully & please us much.
We are disappointed with
Erythronium giganteum. Its
colour is not at all equal
to that of *E. Dorei* *canis*.

I am glad to see that some of
the seeds of "*Eritrichium*
glomeratum", sent by Dr. Parry,
are vegetating well. I suppose
it is identical with *C. aretioides*.
Comparatively speaking, but few
of the roots the sent of *Pentstemon*,
&c &c have done well, so that
we shall, of many things, save
barely enough to see any bloom.
How I long to see the rest of
the Flora! I trust its pages
are advancing.

Simultaneously with the
letter about the *Penicillula lutea*
&c, came one from Dr. Kellogg
inclosing a small pkt of seed
of their "White Coast Lily" - the
species yet to be decided on.

I think that Dr. Parry will
send me a lot more roots